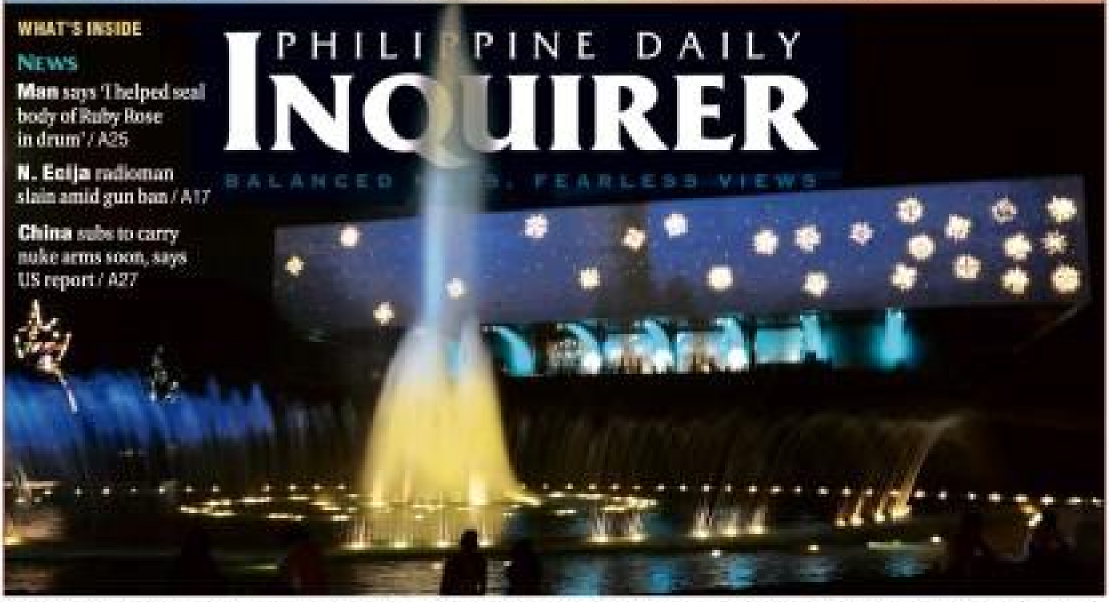
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**IT'S CHRISTMASTIME AGAIN** Colorful lanterns made in San Fernando, Pampanga province, brighten the facade of the Cultural Center of the Philippines on Roxas Boulevard at night, a sign that it's the start of the Christmas season in the country.

# US toxic waste dumped in Subic

## Businesses alarmed, prompting probe

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Central Luzon

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) is investigating a US Navy contractor for allegedly dumping hazardous wastes on Subic Bay last month.

SBMA records showed that wastes dumped by the tanker MT Glenn Guardian were collected from American ships that joined the recently concluded joint military exercises in the country.

The tanker is one of the vessels owned by Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a Malaysian company operating in several countries which services American ships in the Philippines.

The allegations of waste dumping in Subic Bay have alarmed business and environmental organizations in the free port.

Cheto Simons, spokesperson of Subic Bay Freeport Chamber for Health and Environment

US TOXIC A20



**UNDER PROBE** The MT Glenn Guardian docked at Alava Pier on Subic Bay.

## US Navy contractor invokes VFA

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—A US Navy contractor accused of dumping toxic wastes on Subic Bay invoked the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), saying the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) has no jurisdiction over the company.

Glenn Defense Marine Asia Philippines Inc., which operates here, took this line of defense in reply to the SBMA Ecology Center's show cause letter.

In a Nov. 6 letter, lawyers from the Villaraza Cruz Marcelo and Angangco law firm, who represent Glenn Defense Marine Asia, told the SBMA that the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACOM) was the sole and proper authority that should handle the concerns and issues it raised on the waste dumping incident.

The letter was signed by lawyers Kristoffer James Purisima and Bernard Joseph Malibiran.

"At the outset, it should be pointed out that our client provides marine husbandry and logistics support services ('support vessels') solely and exclusively to US Navy vessels visit-

US NAVY A20

# San Beda expels 27 fratmen in hazing

By Marlon Ramos

SAN BEDA College (SBC) has expelled 27 members of Lex Leonum Fraternitas in connection with the death caused by hazing of Bedista law student Marc Andre Marcos on a farm in Dasmariñas City, Cavite province.

Marcos, 21, a native of Ramos, Tarlac province, succumbed to severe injuries while being treated at De La Salle University Medical Center on July 30, a day after the fraternity rites.

SBC's seven-member committee on student conduct also suspended three other fraternity members and five neophytes.

Another student, Jude Ashley Margaretta, was cleared for lack of evidence.

SAN BEDA A21

# China bares plan to be a naval power

BEIJING—China on Thursday stressed its intention to become a "maritime power" in line with its economic clout, as newly reelected US President Barack Obama prepared to return to Asia amid regional anxiety at Beijing's rise.

Obama is slated to attend a summit of East Asian leaders in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, this month, underscoring his commitment to the Asia-Pacific region.

Many Asian governments have welcomed Obama's victory over Republican challenger

CHINA A20

**Palace seeks warmer ties: We know China is a superpower** / A23

# At least 14 Fil-Am pols winners in US elections

By Monica U. Rueda
US Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—At least 14 Filipino-Americans—one Republican and the rest Democrats—won national and state positions in California, Hawaii and Virginia in the Nov. 6 elections.

The only Republican in the group was Jose Esteves, 66, the incumbent mayor of Milpitas City in California, who defeated Rob Means.

Originally from Dagupan in Pangasinan province, Esteves won 72 percent of the vote. He migrated to the United States

AT LEAST A22

**Obama got solid support from Asian-Americans** / A22



**PARTNERS** GMA Network chair and CEO Felipe Gozon, PLDT-Smart chair Manny V. Pangilinan and Inquirer president and CEO Sandy Prieto-Romualdez share a light moment before the signing of an agreement at GMA Studio 7 on Thursday among their companies for the coverage of the 2013 midterm elections.

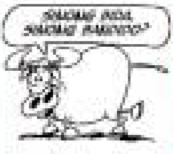
## PDI, GMA 7, PLDT team up for '13 polls

By Marlon Santos
Inquirer.net

THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer yesterday signed an agreement with GMA Network, Smart Communications and Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) company to team up in covering the 2013 midterm elections.

The memorandum of agreement—also signed by the PDI's online website Inquirer.net, leading schools and universities, the business sector, and social and civic organizations—calls on all parties to "cooperate and merge respective competencies to have comprehensive, objective and nonpartisan" media coverage of the elections.

PDI A23




## Family feud rocks Estrada dynasty

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE CONTROVERSY over political dynasties took a dramatic turn yesterday with the outbreak of a dispute involving two sons of former President Joseph Estrada.

Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada released a statement yesterday saying he was "deeply hurt" that his younger half-brother, San Juan Rep. Jose Victor "JV" Ejercito Estrada, discussed their long-sustained "rift" in an interview with reporters dur-

FAMILY A20

# Second FrontPage

# Printing execs indicted for graft

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman has found sufficient grounds to indict acting National Printing Office director Emmanuel Andaya and five other NPO bidding committee officials on graft charges for failing to bid out a contract to print accountable forms for the Cebu provincial treasurer's office.

## Acosta wants raps dropped

# Left adopts 5 bets from 2 major slates

### Common candidates

### Shared advocacies

### 'Dream team'



## Toxic dinner plates

# Leonen accepts SC nomination, but 'there's work yet to be done'

# Former mayor guilty of graft

# Court rejects Abalos plea to travel

By Jaymee T. Gamil

# Gov't racing to save OFW in Saudi jail

By Nikko Dizon

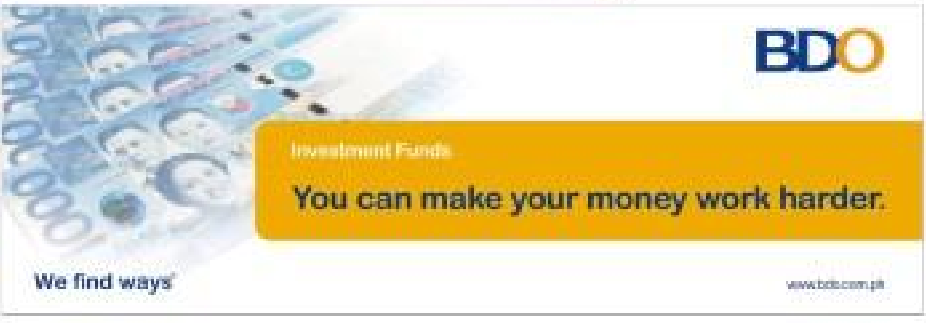



# Palace says B&W rejection proves Comelec independence




## The Daily Gospel



# Sick Lozada skips NBN-ZTE trial of GMA; hearing reset

By Cynthia D. Balana

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## Original complainant

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## Other witnesses

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## Hospital arrest

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# Farmers group seeing ghosts in Luisita list–DAR

# Skip the drama; let's get on with RH bill—Pia

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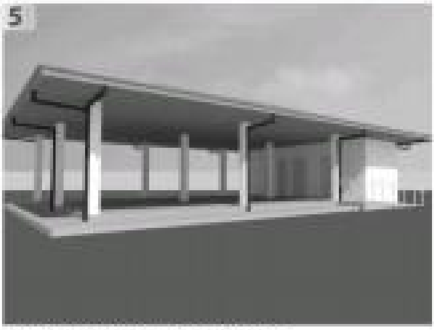
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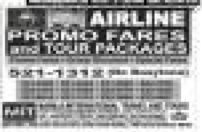
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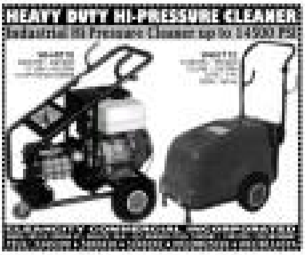












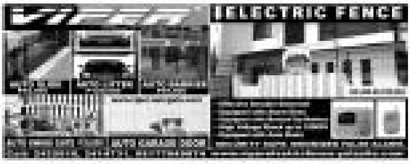








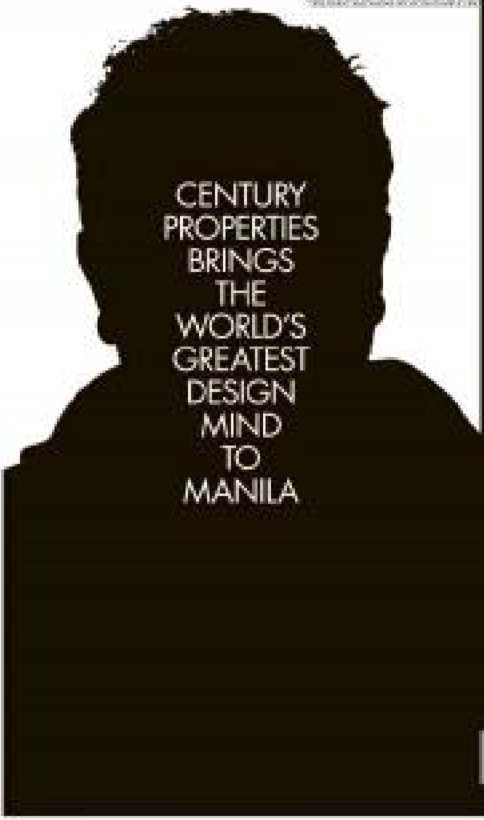


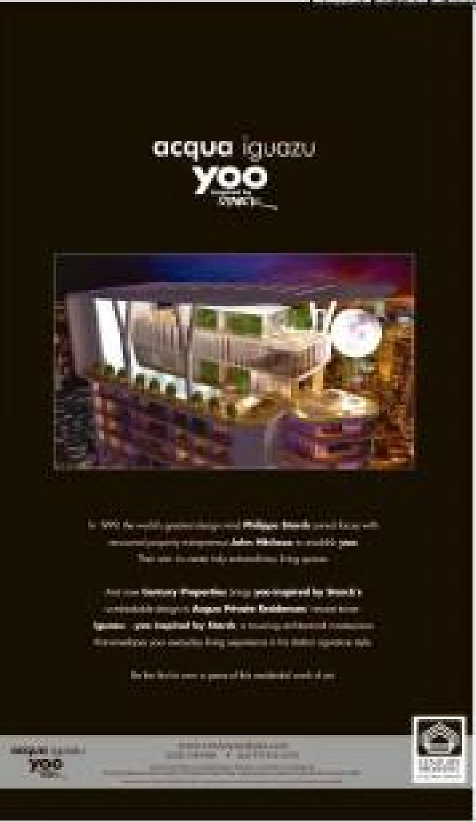









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# OPINION

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## The short list

THE LAST time the Judicial and Bar Council conducted a search for a Supreme Court nominee, it was itself part of the story. The clearest sign that things have considerably settled down since is Justice Secretary Leila de Lima's unremarked participation in the JBC meetings. No longer a candidate herself, she was able to tell reporters after the JBC decided on its short list of nominees on Wednesday that the "consensus is that it's a good list. We are satisfied and confident that the President will be able to make a choice out of the seven."

EDITORIAL

President Aquino's choice will fill the vacancy created when Associate Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno was named chief justice last August.

The list of nominees includes four candidates who received seven out of eight JBC votes: Court of Appeals Associate Justice Rosmari Carandang, government peace negotiator Marvic Leonen, former Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla, and CA Presiding Justice Andres Reyes Jr. Two candidates received six votes—CA Associate Justices Jose Reyes Jr. and Noel Tijam—and one received five—De La Salle University law dean Jose Manuel Diokno.

Leonen is easily the standout in the short list. His role as chief of the government peace panel negotiating with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, and his impressive skill as a spokesperson for the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro that his panel negotiated with the MILF, have landed him in the headlines.

Naturally, questions have been raised about whether it is in the government's best interest to remove him from the ongoing negotiations. If the President is inclined to appoint Leonen, he faces a dilemma: Does he reward Leonen for his good work by putting that work at risk, or does he penalize Leonen by denying him the reward of a Supreme Court position?

But if the President wants to make an appointment that will signal change, and reinforce his agenda of judicial reform, then he may want to appoint Leonen or any of the "outsiders" on the list, such as human rights advocate Diokno.

If, on the other hand, Mr. Aquino wants to make an appointment that will signal continuity and emphasize his support for judicial tradition, then he may appoint any of the four appellate justices. Tijam, in particular, enjoys a high reputation in the legal community and would fit anyone's definition of a career judge deserving of promotion.

As De Lima says, it's a good list. It's what happens when the list reaches the President's desk that concerns us.

Each president handles Supreme Court appointments differently. On one extreme, we have had a president who merely sounded off a prospective candidate if he was interested in the position before making the appointment, and another president who signed the appointment papers even without talking to the appointee beforehand.

President Aquino, who has decided to follow a more elaborate procedure, is on the other extreme. He invites each of the short-listed nominees to a one-on-one meeting. Nothing in the Constitution bars him from doing so, and the language used by his spokespersons suggests that the practice is benign.

Asked whether Leonen had an edge over the other nominees, for example, Secretary Edwin Lacierda said: "That negotiation for peace with the MILF is another matter. We're now dealing with his views, for instance, a nominee's views on the judiciary. So that's something that the President has not discussed with Leonen. So he will give an even-steven chance to all the nominees."

This sounds entirely professional, like a final job interview with the company president before the applicant is hired. But we must be alert to the possibility of even unintended abuse. The position, after all, is a constitutional office, and the Constitution itself lists the only qualifications required of an appointee.

An exchange of views between the President and a prospective justice is justifiable if it is meant to help Mr. Aquino determine for himself whether the nominee has the essential qualities of a judge, as defined by the Constitution: "proven competence, integrity, probity, and independence." But if he means to use it to impose a litmus test, to make sure that the nominee shares his views on a particular issue, for example, then he undermines both that nominee's independence and the Constitution itself.






## Now it's squatting by rich businessmen

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THE SQUATTING problem is getting very bad and President Aquino, instead of traipsing all over the world spending the people's money, should stay home and do his homework, particularly solving this problem. Because now, it is no longer just the small-time squatters and the squatting syndicates who are grabbing the properties of law-abiding and tax-paying citizens, but also rich businessmen. Worse, they are able to do it with the help of courts. Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, please take notice of this case.

Machon Thread Inc. is the legitimate owner of Gotesco Tower in Manila but it cannot take possession of the building because it is being occupied by Royal Duty Free Shops, a member of the Gotesco Group of Companies. A former tenant whose lease contract has expired, Royal no longer has any right to the property but it continues to collect rent from the other tenants yet does not pay a single peso to the building's owner, Machon. And it is the latter that pays the real estate taxes for the property. All of these came about because of dubious orders from judges and justices in favor of Gotesco. (This is justice in the Philippines?) How did this position come about?

Gotesco Tower was mortgaged by its parent owner, Gotesco Investments, to the United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) as collateral for a loan. When Gotesco defaulted on the loan, UCPB foreclosed Gotesco Tower and consolidated its ownership over it.

After the foreclosure, Royal, represented by Jose Go and Pamela Go, entered into a lease contract with UCPB for the third floor up to the 18th floor of the building for a period of two years—Jan. 1, 2002, until Dec. 31, 2003—at the rate of P1 million a month. Jose Go subsequently managed to convince UCPB to also lease to him the first and second floors of the building.

Royal, however, defaulted on its monthly obligation, and its debts to UCPB reached a staggering P43 million in back rentals. Despite countless demands, Royal neither paid its debts nor returned possession of Gotesco Tower to UCPB.

When the lease contract expired, Royal maintained possession of the property and even continued collecting monthly rentals from the building's tenants without paying a single peso to UCPB, prompting the bank to initiate ejection proceedings before the Makati Metropolitan Trial Court, which decided in favor of UCPB. Royal appealed to the Regional Trial Court, which affirmed the MTC decision, and the bank was able to take possession of the tower.

Royal, however, elevated the case to the Court of Appeals, and here the mystery begins. In June 2008, the appellate court overturned the RTC and MTC decisions on a technicality—the court summons was allegedly not properly served on Royal despite the fact that Royal participated in both MTC and RTC hearings.

Shocked? There's more. When the case was appealed by the owners to the Supreme Court, the justices sustained the CA decision. It makes you wonder whether there is justice in the Philippines. How can the two highest tribunals allow an entity to regain possession of a property even if its contract of lease had already expired for five years before the issuance of these decisions? The decisions did not even state how much compensation and rental fee the property owner should get if the property is turned over to Royal.

In the course of the proceedings in the CA in 2008, UCPB sold the tower to Philippine Investments Two (PI Two), which, in November 2009, in turn sold the property to a new owner, Machon Thread Inc.

On May 31, 2010, Machon received a Notice to Vacate the property in favor of Royal with an attached writ of execution from the Makati sheriff although the property is located in Manila. The writ of execution was the result of the finality of the CA decision and a resolution denying the motion for reconsideration of UCPB which, later on, was sustained by the high court. But who is to vacate when the lease contract between Royal and UCPB has already long expired? Shouldn't it be Royal, because its contract had expired way back in 2003?

Nonetheless, Jose Go and Royal have proceeded to occupying the building through an ex parte motion appointing two Manila RTC sheriffs to implement the writ of execution.

These setbacks notwithstanding, the new owners opted to believe in our justice system by filing an ejection case against Royal before the Manila RTC, this time hoping that the supposed technical infirmity cited earlier by the CA had been cured. The MTC ruled in favor of the new owners and directed Royal to pay the back rentals and immediately return possession of the building to the new owners.

That victory turned out to be short-lived. On appeal, Manila RTC Judge Cicero Jurado reversed the MTC decision. Despite the lean voice of Machon, Jurado stood pat on his decision without discussing the legal basis for Royal's continued possession of the building in the absence of a lease contract.

Additional information: This is not the first time that Judge Jurado has ruled in favor of Go, known as the man who stopped the City of Caloocan from taking over his mall, Gotesco Grand Central, due to nonpayment of real property taxes amounting to P732,525,268.53. It was also Judge Jurado who issued a writ of preliminary injunction preventing the City of Caloocan from taking over the mall.

On the same day that Go's troops took over Gotesco Tower, they also took over the property of a certain Jury de Jesus in Malibay. That property was also previously owned by Jose Go.

## The party-list conundrum

COMMENTARY

Clarita R. Carlos

EACH ELECTION year, which is about every 1,095 days, the Commission on Elections will be confronted with the continuing challenge of accreditation of so-called party-list candidates. And, every election year, there will be concerns on the Comelec ruling, as we are happening at this time.

Why has this happened, and why will this continue to happen?

The principle of having sectoral representation in the House started during the time of Ferdinand Marcos, when groups ostensibly felt out of the conversation in Congress clamored for their voices to be heard. The need to have sectoral representation arose from an assumption that the elected representative of a particular electoral district is unable or unwilling to represent such groups. Thus the Party-List Law.

I was a participant in various public hearings in the Senate and the House when the party-list bill was under consideration. In those hearings, I particularly noted the conceptual murkiness of the term "marginalized," which I saw early on would be a major challenge.

Who is a marginalized group? If a marginalized group has sent a representative to the House and added its voice therein, can it still consider itself marginalized, or has it been mainstreamed?

Then, too, during those public hearings, I pushed the question further: How many groups are marginalized in our society? If, over time, all those groups are now represented under the so-called party-list system in Congress, then who, the heavens ask, will the elected representatives of an electoral district be left to represent?

It's time to change our Party-List Law and rethink just who our elected representatives are perceived to be unable and/or unwilling to represent those marginalized groups.

A background on the origins of the party-list may be in order.

The party list is used in Germany where the two-vote system is followed. The voter can write a name of a candidate of a political party and then cast a vote for a political party which may or may not be the same party of the candidate chosen. Thus, the candidate chosen may belong to political party "A" but the second vote may be for political party "B."

The candidate who garners the highest number of votes gets the seat. Next, the total number of votes for the political party is counted. For example, if the total number of votes for the political party is 40 percent of the total votes cast, then that political party will take 40 percent of the total number of seats in the legislature.

How do we fill up this 40 percent for a particular political party? Before the elections, the political parties submit a closed party list to their election commission. This list is an ordinal list of political party members who did not run for the various electoral districts. It is a priority listing of political party members who will sit in the legislature under the party-list system.

This electoral system is called the mixed single-member district (SMD) and proportional representation (PR) system. For a political party to obtain representation under the PR system, the political party must receive at least five seats in the SMD system. This means that the party that does not obtain at least five seats under the SMD cannot have additional seats under the PR or second-vote system.

How do we now reckon the number of seats to be allotted this political party that obtained 40 percent of the total votes cast? Under the mixed SMD/PR system, if there are 300 seats in the House, then the political party who garnered 40 percent of the total number of votes cast is entitled to 120 seats. The total number of seats obtained by the SMD will now be deducted from the total number of seats it is entitled to under the second vote, which is the party-list vote.

Let us assume that one political party successfully seated 30 members under the SMD system. We now deduct 30 seats from its total of 120 seats per the 40 percent it obtained from the party vote. Thus, that political party is now entitled to an additional 90 seats.

The 90 members will come from the first 90 names in the closed party list, which was submitted earlier to their electoral commission. In the end, this political party would have seated 30 from the SMD system and 90 from the PR system.

The empirical evidence suggests to us that countries like Germany, Bolivia and New Zealand, among others, who use a mixed SMD/PR system, are able to accommodate the many sectoral groups in their constituencies who otherwise will not be represented.

Noting all the above, it is evident that the way we interpret the party-list system will inevitably result in the continuing conceptual conundrum that the Comelec will confront every 1,095 days (or every three years) we have an election to change remarkably the composition of the House.

It's time to rethink the party-list system.

Clarita R. Carlos is a professor of political science at the University of the Philippines.

# Seeking equality

COMMENTARY

*Denis Murphy*

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# Kindness and LRT/MRT

PINOY KASI



*Michael L. Tan*

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# Women and the bishops in US polls

AT LARGE



*Rina Jimenez-David*

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# Object of envy

LETTERS

## Overpricing charges part of black prop

## Islam holds wives in highest respect

# Ecija radioman slain amid gun ban

CABANATUAN CITY—Julius Caesar Cauzo, a broadcaster of the local radio station dwJJ, started his day early on Thursday by visiting a coworker.



SAINTLY DUTY

A backhoe continues work at a site for a shrine dedicated to the Philippines' second saint, Pedro Calungsod, where Mass expected to be attended by hundreds of thousands will be celebrated on Nov. 30.

## Workers in C. Visayas to get ₱22 hike in pay

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## Bicol group points to ex-poll chief opinion saying it has grounds vs disqualification

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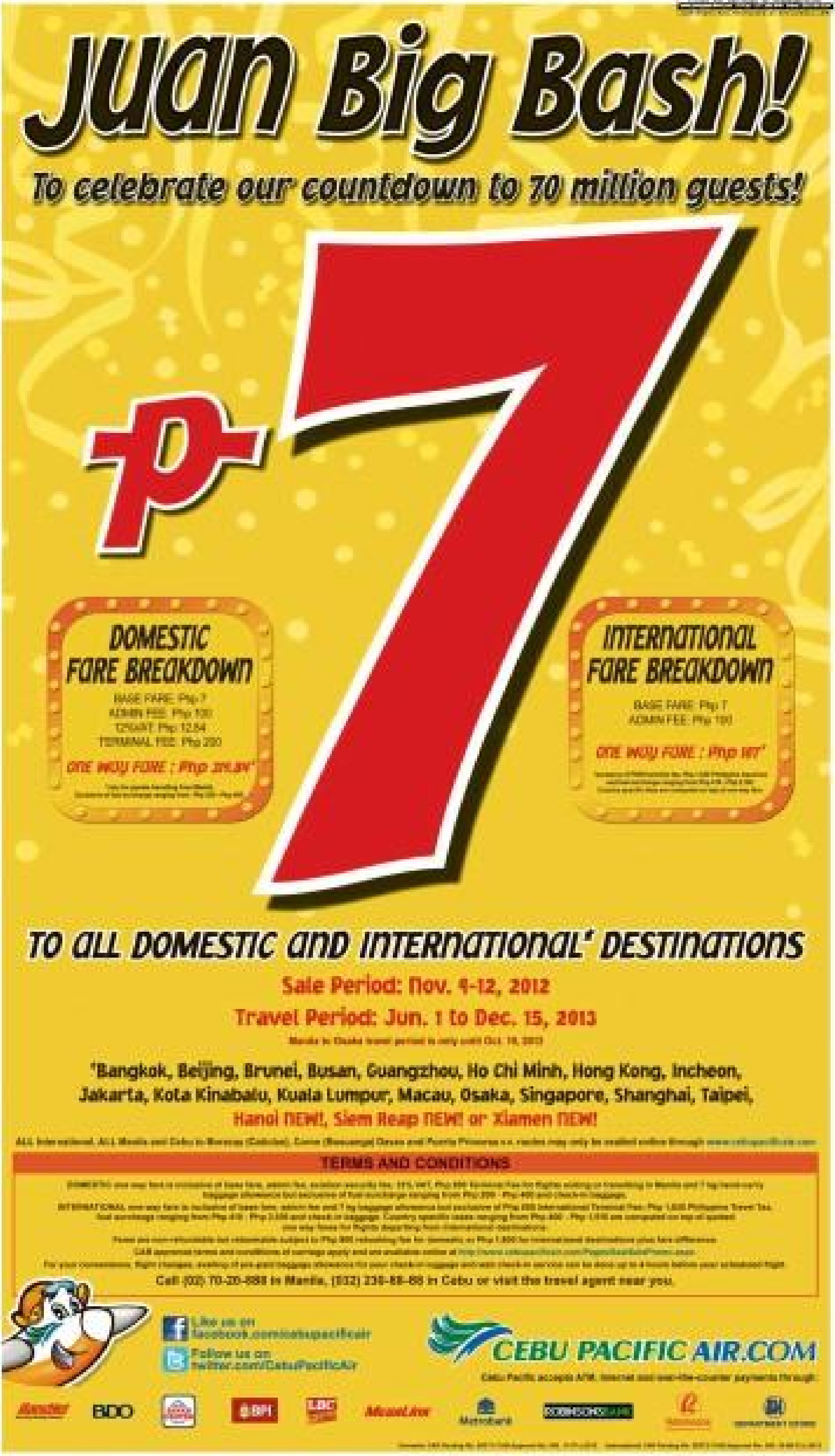
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EMBATTLED Lucena Mayor Barbara Ruby Talaga talks to her supporters at a rally on Wednesday.

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## 2 dead as bus hits tricycle


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# Senate passed antipolitical dynasty bill in 1987

# US toxic waste dumped in Subic







## *Family feud rocks Estrada dynasty*

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# PDI, GMA 7, PLDT team up for '13 polls

### Real-time information

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# Obama got solid support from Asian-Americans



PRESIDENT Barack Obama leaves a campaign office in Chicago on the morning of Election Day.

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# At least 14 Fil-Ams winners in US polls

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# Palace welcomes Bartolome's 'positive response'

By TJ Burgonio



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# Palace seeks warmer ties: We know China is a superpower



A CHINESE nuclear submarine

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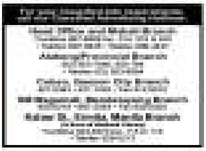









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# 'I helped seal body of Ruby Rose in drum'

## Victim's in-law told suspect to hide

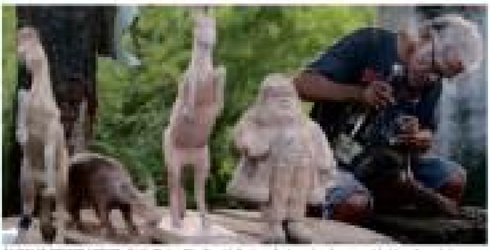
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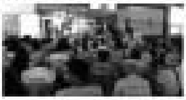

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# After med exam, arrested robbers show they're fit, quicker than cops



# QUITI-KILL HOLDS DENGUE RALLIES IN QUEZON CITY



# Pilot test starts for e-tagging scheme vs 'colorum' vehicles

# Top video game dealers feud after police raided shops for smuggling

# 'I helped seal body . . .'



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### Woman with Stage 3 cancer needs your help

# China subs to soon carry nuke arms, says US report

### Navy modernization

### Arms control talks urged

### New class of submarines

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### 4 Tibetans torch selves in one day, says rights group

AP

### Maker of anti-Islam video draws 1 year in prison

*New York Times News Service*

# The WORLD

# Wintry storm hits Sandy-ravaged region

NEW YORK—An unseasonably early-winter storm brought snow, rain and dangerous winds to northeast of United States, plunging many residents of the most populous region of the country back into darkness just as they were recovering from Superstorm "Sandy."

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## Guatemalans huddle in streets after powerful quake kills 48

SAN MARCOS, Guatemala—[illegible]

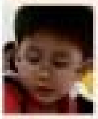
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## France draws close to same-sex marriage

PARIS—The French cabinet approved a draft bill legalizing same-sex marriage on Wednesday [illegible]

New York Times News Service

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# Cebuana juniors in PCA Open



# Frenchmen make waves in wakeboard world tilt

# Top karter derby decided tomorrow

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# Miranda shows way; Penado big

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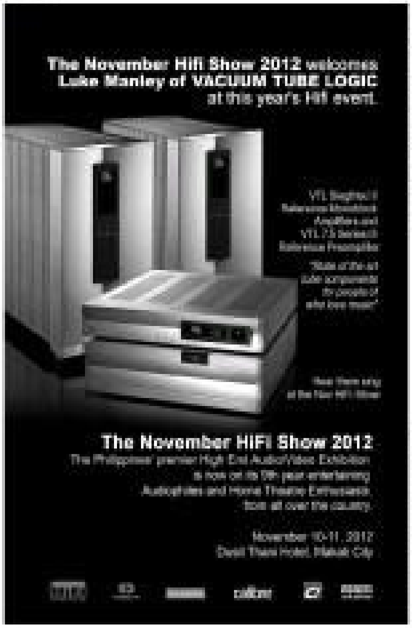
**STOCK MARKET**

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**Stocks recoup early losses**

# Gov't issues global peso notes worth $1B




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By Amy R. Remo

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## Zeus Holdings, Inc.

TO ALL STOCKHOLDERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Zeus Holdings, Inc. will be held on 28 November 2012 [illegible], 3:00 p.m. at the Penthouse, Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

(Sgd.) Atty. Daisy L. Parker
Corporate Secretary

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## US, EU ban

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# Retire dollar loans now, BSP urges

## Gov't, private firms urged to take advantage of peso's strength

**Power Situation Outlook**
for Friday, 09 November 2012

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## GroupM agrees to acquire a majority stake in Netbooster Asia, a leading digital marketing agency in Indonesia and the Philippines





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## ADRIANO VARGAS BASILONIA

*has joined our Creator on November 6, 2012 at the age of 61.*

His remains lie in state at Coronel's Compound, #1 Gumamela St., Roxas District, Quezon City.

The family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

ST. PETER CHAPELS

## THIRTY FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF ENRIQUE Q. FERNANDO, JR. (TATA)

## NORMA DIOKNO DELAS ALAS

## DEATH NOTICE

### DR. ANTONIO O. MARQUEZ

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die." John 11:25-26

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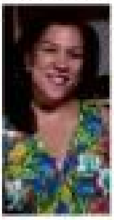
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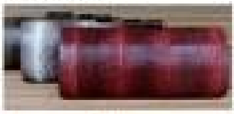
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MARKETING Rx

*Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto*

# DMCI 9-mo profit up 12%

By Doris C. Dumlao

## Independent oil firm to issue P2.5B in notes

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Raul J. Palabrica

## Meralco to hike power rates this month

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# High cost pulls down Globe's 9-month profit

## Network modernization, rising depreciation charges

By [illegible]

PUBLICLY listed Globe Telecom Inc. yesterday reported higher revenues for January to September, but higher costs associated with its ongoing network modernization effort reduced the earnings of the Ayala-controlled telecommunications firm.

In a statement, Globe Telecom said it closed the nine-month period with consolidated service revenue of P61.3 billion, up 6 percent from P57.7 billion last year.

"Sustained topline growth was underpinned by the strong performance of the mobile, broadband and fixed line data businesses which grew 6 percent, 34 percent and 9 percent over last year's results, respectively," the company said.

However, the firm's net income after tax during the period declined by 15 percent to P8.4 billion from P9 billion a year ago.

This was due, in part, to the increase in Globe's depreciation charges, as the country's second largest telephone company retired old network equipment.

The company's marketing costs, aimed at acquiring new clients and retaining old ones, also increased amid the stronger pace of competition in the industry.

Excluding foreign exchange and mark-to-market gains and losses, as well as non-recurring items such as the accelerated depreciation charges, Globe Telecom's core net income was up by 7 percent year on year to P8.8 billion from P8.2 billion.

"Despite the very challenging competitive environment, our business remains fundamentally strong," company president and CEO Ernest Cu said.

"We were able to build on our modest triumphs with customer focus being our key differentiator."

"Going against a traditionally lean season, we sustained our growth momentum once again in the third quarter," he added. "We still managed to post another record quarter considering that we had to confront capacity constraints on our existing network due to the spike in voice and data traffic, which only reinforced our drive to modernize our entire network and IT infrastructure."

# HYATT AND BONIFACIO LANDMARK ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR A GRAND HYATT HOTEL AND RESIDENCES IN MANILA

*Grand Hyatt Manila and Residences will be the second Hyatt-branded hotel in the Philippines*



Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) announced today that a Hyatt affiliate has entered into an agreement with Bonifacio Landmark Realty and Development Corp. (BLC), a joint-venture company between property developer Federal Land Inc. and Japanese financial services group ORIX Corporation, for a Grand Hyatt hotel and Grand Hyatt-branded residences in Manila, Philippines.

Expected to open in 2015, Grand Hyatt Manila and Residences will be part of a two-tower upscale mixed-use project in the residential, entertainment and business district of Fort Bonifacio Global City in Metro Manila. Grand Hyatt Manila will be located on the top 14 floors of the 60-storey office and hotel tower and will offer 436 guestrooms. Additional hotel amenities will include a dramatic and energetic lobby, multiple food and beverage offerings, a spa, fitness center and pool and comprehensive business and meeting facilities with state-of-the-art technology. The residences will be located in the second tower, and will offer 220 luxury units with private access to the hotel's amenities, including the spa, fitness center and pool and restaurants.

Just recently, the substructure of the Grand Hyatt Manila was topped off marking another milestone for the project. Wong + Ouyang and Dia Jurap & Partners are the architect and engineer responsible for the Grand Hyatt Hotel and Residences. The firms have also worked on several other Hyatt projects, including Grand Hyatt Shanghai and Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. Bilkey Llinas Design will design the interiors of the hotel.

"As the political, economic, social, and cultural center of the Philippines, Manila is attracting entrepreneurs and business owners that have an appetite for luxury brands and residences," said Deborah Sterns, senior vice president of real estate and development, Asia Pacific, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts. "Grand Hyatt Manila and Residences is a remarkable opportunity to expand the presence of the iconic Grand Hyatt brand in this rapidly growing Southeast Asia market."

"We are honored to work with Bonifacio Landmark Realty and Development Corporation and to introduce the Grand Hyatt brand to the Philippines," said Larry Tchou, group president, Asia Pacific, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts. "We are confident the hotel will deliver a new hospitality experience and we look forward to serving the neighborhood community as well as business and leisure travelers from around the world."

"This milestone is testament to a fruitful relationship between companies that share the same vision," says Alfred V. Ty, Chairman of Bonifacio Landmark and President of Federal Land. "It also symbolizes the future of a modern Philippines."

Grand Hyatt Manila and Residences will be the center of the master-planned development Veritown Fort, which will house 11 residential projects, premier dining option and upscale retail spaces and boutiques. Facing 7th and 8th Avenues, the hotel and residences will provide guests and residents with convenient access to Kalayaan Avenue and the business and residential district of Makati. Additionally, the hotel and residences will be in close proximity to the many restaurants and retail outlets located in High Street, Serendra, Burgos Circle, the Fort Square and Fort Strip, as well as Market! Market! and the upcoming SM shopping center.

Upon opening, Grand Hyatt Manila and Residences will be the second Hyatt-branded hotel in the Philippines joining Hyatt Hotel & Casino Manila.

About Grand Hyatt

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About Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Hyatt Hotels Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is a leading global hospitality company [illegible]

Forward-Looking Statements

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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

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PEONY print maxi dress and Sloan shoulder bag from Michael Kors Holiday 2012

# Michael Kors does Ottoman opulence

By Cherie Y. Moral

It's ostentation and raw wearability, from a designer who's said to spend his holidays in the Philippines



GREGORY'S PICK: [illegible]

MICHAEL Kors is a name already quite familiar to Filipino fashion consumers and "Project Runway" viewers. What many of Kors' Filipino customers don't know is that the American fashion designer spends some of his holidays in the Philippines.

Kors' love of travel is well-known; it's where he's said to get inspiration for his collections. The "Project Runway" judge's pronouncements are fueled by the curiosity to know not just his destinations but also its people.

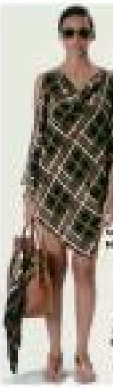
"He likes people-watching. He talks to the locals. He's always curious," says a source familiar with Kors' activities.

"He says that when he stops being curious, that's when he'll leave the business. As long as he can get his feet in the sand, he's recharging."

Kors has spent at least one New Year in Amanpulo, the exclusive island getaway off Palawan. The Philippines and Thailand are two of Kors' favorite destinations, said the source, who can't be named as they're unauthorized to speak on Kors' behalf.

"Michael spends a lot of his holidays in the Philippines and

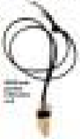
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NAVY silk ... print scarf top, Hamilton tote, ... sandals ... from Holiday 2012

# Michael Kors does Ottoman opulence





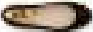




























RANDY Ortiz for Uberto [illegible]



RANDY Ortiz, Frederick Peralta, Rhett Eala, Frederick Aesron and Louis Claparols

# SM Men's fashion lines premiere at Philippine Fashion Week

SIX OF the country's top menswear designers got together to design for six SM retail labels at Philippine Fashion Week.

The six were: Randy Ortiz for Uberto [illegible], Rhett Eala for Blain Brown, Louis Claparols for Minibus, Frederick Aesron for Cross Republic, Frederick Peralta for Michel Andre and Rajo Laurel for Wharton.

In his collection for Uberto [illegible], Ortiz showed the different sides of men and of their style.

"It's a little bit dandy and quite elegant, also showing how clothes can be fun but also wearable. And that's very important to me," he said.

Eala's Blain Brown collection of corporate wear for young executives consisted of relaxed fitted slim jackets, blazers, long- and short-sleeve shirts, slacks and vests in fun colors and silhouettes.

Inspired by Mahoney's "American Life," Claparols' collection for Minibus was a play on the military look—sturdy fashion pieces for events like classic cuts, prints and stitching details.

Aesron's relaxed resort pieces for Cross Republic were for the man who works hard and plays hard. These light and crisp linen pieces feel relaxed, cool and comfortable [illegible] appeal. The look was very basic with edgy touches and unconventional details.

Peralta brought superb tailoring to the Michel Andre collection, combining elegant [illegible] dressing with innovative functionality. There were reversible [illegible] and three-in-one jackets for leisure or formal occasions. Fabrics came from India, China, Taiwan, Japan, Austria and Italy with the latest application in fabric finishing.

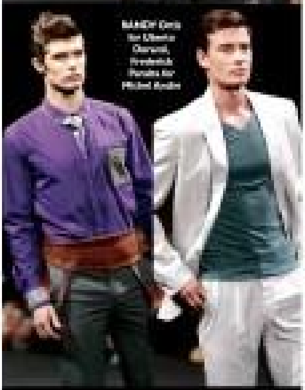
Laurel's collection for Wharton bore his distinctive [illegible] the [illegible]. It had playful and artistic graphic elements.

The new collections will be available at the SM Menswear Department.





RANDY Ortiz for Uberto [illegible]



RANDY Ortiz for Uberto [illegible], Frederick Peralta for Michel Andre



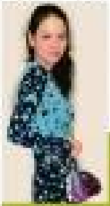
RHETT Eala for Blain Brown, Frederick Peralta for Michel Andre

# LIFESTYLE *Fashion&Beauty*



# Louis Vuitton keeps fashion in check

*Ingrid Chua-Go*



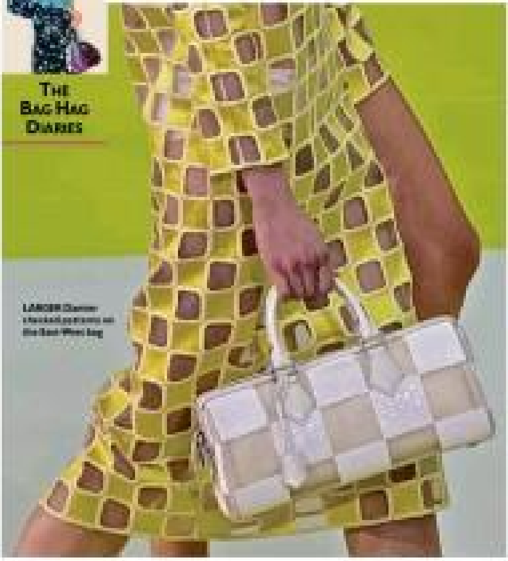
THE BAG HAG DIARIES

BY THE TIME Marc Jacobs presented his Spring-Summer 2013 collection in New York, which consisted of stripes, bold lines and prints, fashion insiders had already predicted that he would be showing the same lines (no pun intended) for Louis Vuitton.

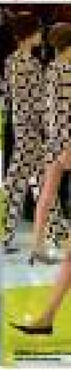
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> The checked patterns came in big and small prints, in blacks, lemon yellows, citrus greens, and neutral grays and beiges







# Louis Vuitton keeps fashion in check









## 'Conclusion' exhibit launch at Ayala Museum

# The FUTURE is here

There's a reason Lourdes Josephine Gotianun Yap, third child of tycoon Andrew Gotianun Sr., is smiling these days – and it has little to do with her recent election as president and CEO of one of the country's leading property developer Filinvest Land Inc.



The new Filinvest City: Ripe for celebrating milestones



Northgate Cyberzone, the BPO/IT Park of the South, exudes this fresh, campus vibe



Refreshing greens make the urban center stand out

All roads lead to the new Filinvest City



## World-class city, bar none

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Lourdes Josephine Gotianun Yap, President and CEO, Filinvest Alabang Inc.



The picturesque cityscape softened by some 7,000 date palms lining the streets

LIFESTYLE

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# How to wear pastels without looking like a kid

## This blog mixes quirky and cute with edgy and metal

HOW TO WEAR pastels and dainty socks without looking like an overgrown toddler? On her blog [illegible], Hong Kong's Mayo Mo shows how to rock these trends.

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### Inspiration

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# How to wear pastels without looking like a kid







## How to get the Mellow Mayo look





LIFESTYLE




# Sorry, I don't wear 'Gossip Girl' fashion to school

By Karina Isabel H. Yap

**Yes, I survived my first sem in college in T-shirt and jeans. I don't go to school in a prom dress every day, like some girls in my class**

I JUST GOT off the phone with my mother. She was asking if I had already enrolled for the second semester, and what amount she should write on the check.



## One of those things

## Comfortable in our skin



By Paul Albert Palmero
Contributor



# Talking science

## A unique competition is changing the way students experience—and share—science

IF YOU still think coming up with a science presentation involves research, copy-and-paste, and then reading it all on your PowerPoint, think again. After all, how do you lecture a crowd, one generally sharing your age and attention span, with topics ranging from stem cell regeneration to something as challenging as quantum physics without the nosebleed?

# Sorry, I don't wear...

# 'Kengkoy' is serious, thanks to Ateneo de Naga graduates

By Jude Yee



MR. KENGKOY'S new line of backpacks comes in various styles.

### Social enterprise

## Entrepreneurs conceptualize a jute backpack line that could help make a difference in a community



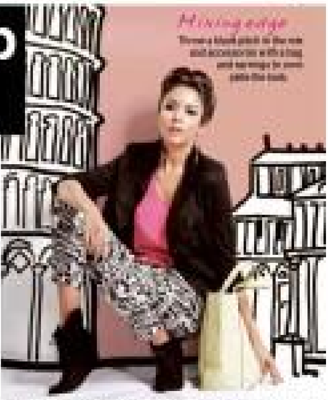






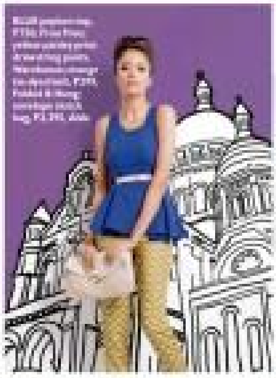
# Pumped-up *prints*

**Bold, patterned pants were all over the runways; now that they've hit the stores, aren't you dying to get your hands on a pair?**



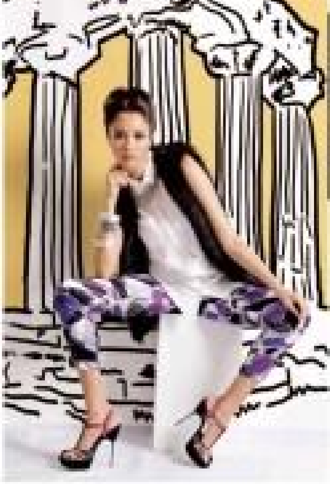
*Mixing edge*

## Shop directory

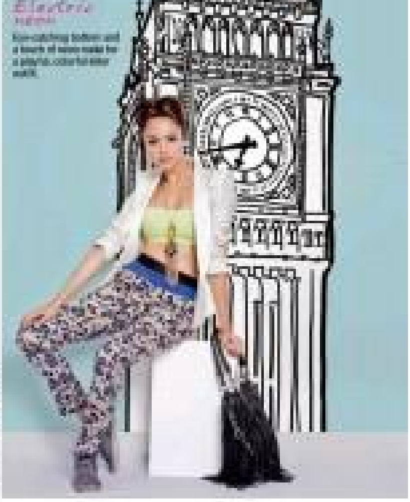


*Color beat*



*Hit the prints*



*Electric*

FROM HEALTHY PREGNANCY TO SAFE DELIVERY

# Groups up in arms to lower maternal mortality

By Theresa S. Samaniego

IDEALLY, ALL expectant mothers are to be pampered, must be well-fed and kept healthy to ensure the safety of both mothers and babies during their much awaited delivery.

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## Breaking records

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As part of its mission to help women achieve and enjoy healthy life, Biofemme goes to different barangays to conduct osteoporosis and hematocrit screening, in partnership with OB-gynes and nutritionists.

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## Achieving MDG goal

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"Maternal mortality rate" or deaths of pregnant Filipinas during childbirth even rose to 221 for every 100,000 live births in 2011, from the 162 count in 2009.



Biofemme conducts Bone Density Screening (BDS) to check incidence of osteoporosis among women.

# LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty






THE NEW Glorietta at Palm Drive

# Energized mall reopens Nov. 9

Offers new retail experience with eco-conscious backdrop

By Raoul J.




# From 'edgy' lace to draping–Lesley Mobo shows Manila what he's got

"I like the idea of presenting things in a more casual manner. I feel that couture is becoming too serious. Why would you purposely make young people look old?"

IF THERE'S one word that best describes the recent Colours Gala at the SM Mall of Asia's Arena, it would have to be reinvention.

**Seamless combination**



# From 'edgy' lace to draping—Lesley Mobo shows Manila what he's got









### The Mobo 'style'



### Color infusion

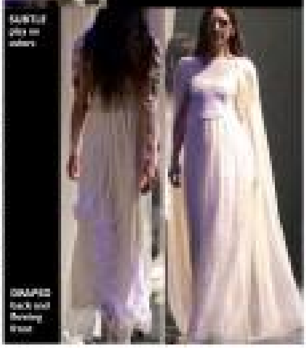




### Intact street cred



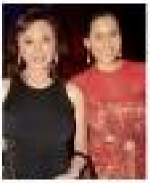
### Low point



# MVP boosts Colours Gala with education donation











# Spread the Cheer with Max's Christmas Party Solutions

## *Making Your Holiday Celebration Truly Max's 'Sarap Kapiling'*

**The occasional bursts of classic holiday tunes complement the mood inside the bustling kitchen and excited chatter of diners as droves of anticipating customers are welcomed into Max's Restaurant. They step inside and gaze at the brightly-lit holiday decorations that harmonize with the classic red brick walls and draw attention to the iconic sign, "the house that fried chicken built." The smell of the gustatory fare wafting through the air heightens their excitement as they greet the smiling server like he's an old friend. The guests gaze at the images of sumptuous food on the menu with familiarity. To them, it's just like being home.**

**Almost every Filipino across the world has a Max's Christmas story to share. After 68 years of serving classic heirloom dishes, Max's has captured the hearts of Filipinos, regardless of their age or background. Continuously thriving as a global brand, Max's has witnessed countless Christmas stories shared by Filipinos from all walks of life – family holiday get-togethers, group celebrations with colleagues and milestone reunions with 'balikbayan' friends. Christmas at Max's has become an enduring tradition, a happy memory that Filipinos love to reminisce and eagerly create year after year.**

This Christmas, party planners and families can take advantage of Max's convenient, value-for-money and sumptuous offerings that are perfect for the holiday festivities. Customers can enjoy Max's world-famous and **"sarap-to-the-bones" fried chicken** in all its crispy skin and meat that falls off-the-bone goodness and wash it down with a cool, [illegible] drink with **Max's Party Packages** options. The side dishes are a feast to the eyes, even more for the palate. Diners may choose from a wide variety of timeless and innovative Filipino recipes like lumpiang shanghai, [illegible], lumpiang ubod, and chicken burger with cheese.

The flavors of **Max's Combo Meals** simply hit home. These are delectable dishes that have become tradition to a lot of Filipinos, season after season. Max's iconic fried chicken is paired with a steaming cup of rice, a glass of Pepsi soft drink or iced tea and a choice of classic home-cooked dishes like pancit canton and fried lumpia. The gastronomic indulgence is perfectly capped by Max's Corner Bakery's sweet and chewy caramel bar or any dessert add-ons for the sweet tooth.

"Sumptuous" and "stress-free" are the most fitting words to illustrate **Max's Cater Trays**. Imagine a spread of all your favourite Max's dishes, served buffet style in sleek, ready-to-go trays, and delivered right to your door step! Max's has stepped it up for bigger groups of diners with convenient meal options. Just reading Max's dishes on the menu can already make any mouth water: Max's world-famous fried chicken, kare-kare, sweet and sour fish fillet, cream dory nuggets with honey mustard dip, lumpiang shanghai, and fish fillet in black bean sauce. The meals are served generously and can perfectly satisfy the appetites of 20 individuals. Max's Cater Trays come with 20 cups of rice, 20 pieces of delicious caramel bars and 2 bottles of Pepsi's 1.5 liter soft drinks. Now, that's what you call a Max's feast!

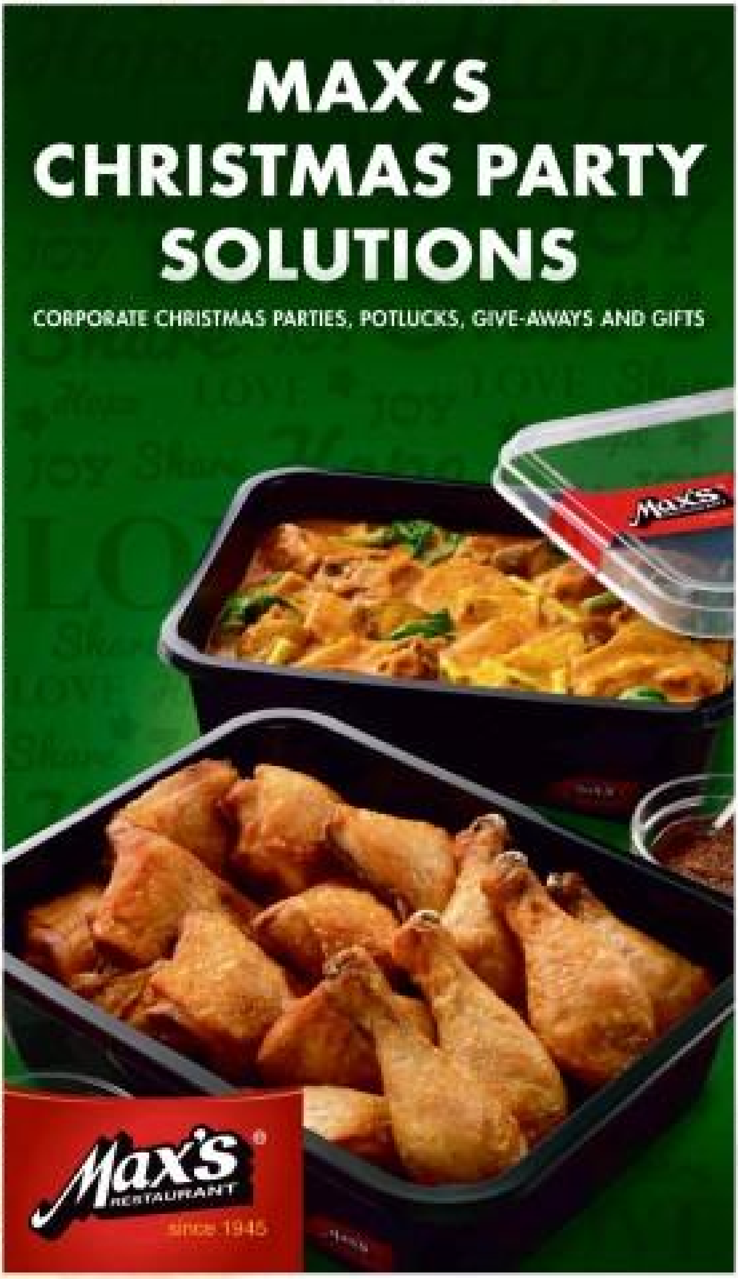
How can we celebrate without a little sugar rush to sweeten up the holidays? Max's bakeshop brand beckons diners to share sweet memories with their friends and loved ones with its **Christmas Pastry Basket** and **Christmas Pastry Gift Box**. These delightful treats are filled with freshly baked chocolate drop cookies, yummy polvoron in crunchy pinipig, rich cookies and cream, and choco-coated flavors. This assortment of sweet favorites will not be complete without Max's Corner Bakery's signature dessert, Max's Caramel Bar.

For Filipinos, the key elements of a memorable Christmas include great food, a cheerful spirit and the company of their most favorite people in the world. Like in all times, Max's is the venue where it all happens.

The perfect conclusion to an unforgettable and heartwarming celebration is simply going back to the place where these priceless memories were created. It's undoubtedly the most loved Filipino brand – Max's.

**About Max's Restaurant**

Max's, one of the country's leading fast-casual dining restaurant traces its roots to a family's generosity and passion for good food. Max's, "the house that chicken built," continues to innovate and expand worldwide with plans to open branches outside the United States. Today, Max's Restaurant has established itself as a household name, an institution and a proud Filipino tradition, zealously upholding the values passed on from its early beginnings in 1945 to the present-day generation of food aficionados.



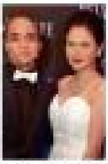












# A mind-blowing Philippine Fashion Ball

## Without Batting an Eyelash

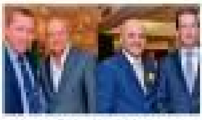












### Bring Bugatti into your home

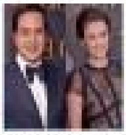
### The 'champagne of cinema'

### Fine Italian food and wine

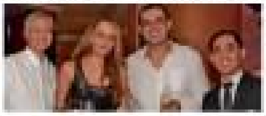
















# Energized mall reopens Nov. 9









RISE OF OVERSIZE



THINK BIG

# Big girl shows off bigger-than-life style

Fashion royalty Florence Benitez Johannot also comes from a line of educators



LOOSE CHANGE



ARTIST'S rendering of the interior of the new Glorietta

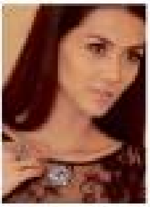
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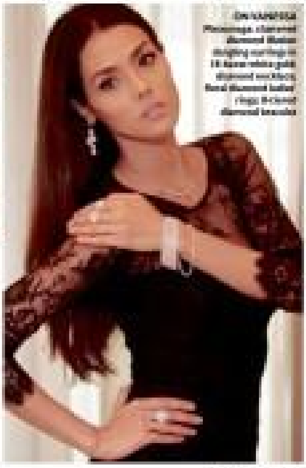
## Convenience for shoppers



# Illusion set, white gold—and pearls as always—are the rage in women's jewelry

With their disposable income, Filipina professionals have become more discerning in their choices












BEAUTY PICKS FOR HOLIDAY 2012

# Makeup from Karl Lagerfeld and Nars, 'powerful anti-aging,' and exotic scents



**Karl Lagerfeld x Shu Uemura**







KARL for Shu Rouge Unlimited in Celebrity Rouge







NARS x Andy Warhol Self-portrait eye shadow palette



NARS x Andy Warhol Silver Factory Set

# Makeup from Karl Lagerfeld…



CLARINS Double Serum Complete Age Control Concentrate

### Clarins' 'most powerful anti-aging' serum





### L'Occitane now at Newport Mall



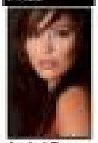


### Kiehl's opens in Power Plant Mall

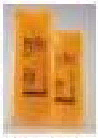
### NARS x Andy Warhol

# Fabio Ide—why he loves everything Pinoy, from show biz to Belo and Bench

BACKSTAGE PASS



Isabel Roces





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Top tips

# Never the Strangers: the sound behind We Can Do Anything

# How to treat pimples and scars . . .

# Enjoy Rock n' Romance this November at Megaworld Lifestyle Malls

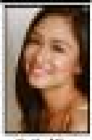


It's all about living the good life




# How to treat pimples and scars on adolescent skin

TRICKS OF THE TRADE


Kelly Misa



# ENTERTAINMENT

**Mommy Shields dies**

DID YOU KNOW...

# Three heads are better than one

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

*Ruben V. Nepales*



The Wachowski siblings of 'The Matrix' franchise and Tom Tykwer of 'Run Lola Run' recall the hardships of making the sci-fi epic 'Cloud Atlas'



FILMMAKERS (from left): Andy and Lana (formerly Larry) Wachowski, and Tom Tykwer





IN THIS number on "Saturday Night Live," Bruno Mars managed to say, "I am Filipino."

# Bruno Mars a big hit on 'SNL'

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# Three heads are better...



Halle Berry and James D'Arcy in "Cloud Atlas"

'We walk in and Halle starts crying... we're like, 'Why?' She's like, 'Are you going to fire me?'

# PLDT Gabay Guro's recently concluded Grand Gathering for teachers hailed as the biggest ever!

**The country's biggest celebrities gathered to pay tribute to over 15,000 teachers at the Mall Of Asia Arena.**




























PLDT-SMART Foundation created Gabay Guro to be a program that supports the Filipino teacher's role in nation building. With core pillars that offer continuous teacher training, scholarship grants, improvements in school infrastructure via broadbanding, and livelihood programs, teachers are given the freedom to pursue their passion in teaching children to be the best they can be. Gabay Guro organizes teachers' tributes as well, just like the recent Grand Gathering, where thousands of teachers were present to fill the entire Mall Of Asia Arena to capacity. The night of fun and sharing special prizes is just Gabay Guro's way of celebrating the hard work and dedication that teachers have shown us all these years – a small token in helping change the lives of those who have changed ours.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



# The 'Miss Saigon' & 'Phantom' effect

## Stage stalwart Joy Virata offers a producer's perspective on how foreign productions impact local theater

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

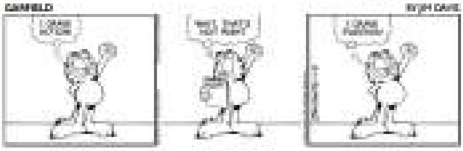
### Brain drain

### Indie work

### Do-it-yourself



GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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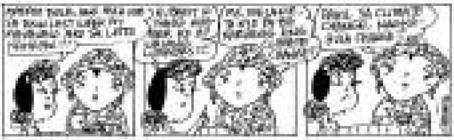
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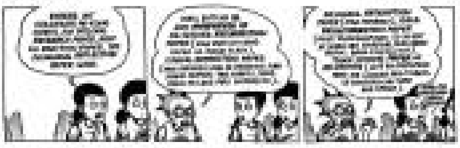
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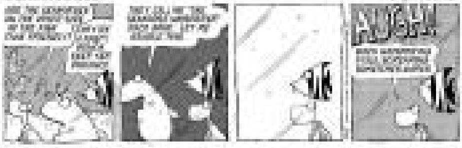
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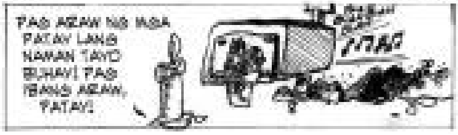



SHERMAN'S LAGOON — BY JIM TOOMEY



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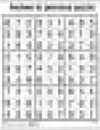

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### HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

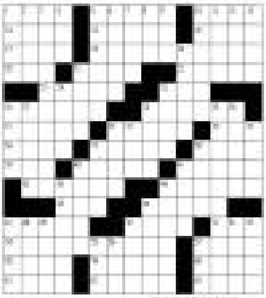
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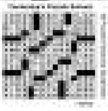
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Solution to previous puzzle



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE





# Loonie's tunes

## This Pinoy rapper, whom FrancisM once took under his wing, is ready for the mainstream





## US tour







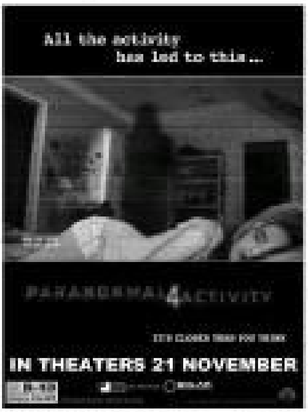


## 'Hansel and Gretel'

SHOW TIME

# The 'Saigon'...

## Foreign acts



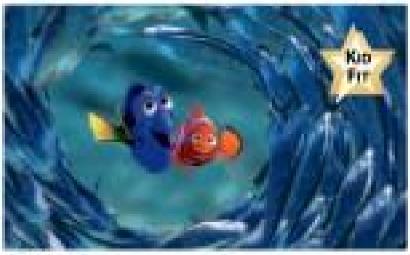










"FINDING Nemo"

# Dressing up a Disney magic; Nemo in 3D



TINKERBELL in "Disney on Ice"

## 'Nemo' returns in 3D

# Baring in movie made Andi cry

By Marinel R. Cruz

## Not like Sam

## Second choice



ANDI Eigenmann



# Miss Int'l Queen vows to champion transgender acceptance everywhere



KEVIN Balot

## A standout

## Difficult life

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